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(6) Oswald deprived of counsel: CD 735, p. 375 indicates that Harold McDervid of Chicago tried to phone LHO in jail on 11/23, and later talked to Western Union. Page 376 (enclosed) indicates that his telegram to LHO was at first not delivered. In February, Fritz said that the telegram had been delivered "subsequently" and that Oswald took no action. McDermid told the FBI that this telegram was an offer to act as counsel to Oswald (CD 642, pp. 2-3). Fritz was asked about this incident in his testimony but remembered little (4H241). McDermid claimed not to have known Oswald; his action seems quite proper but might be worth checking out.